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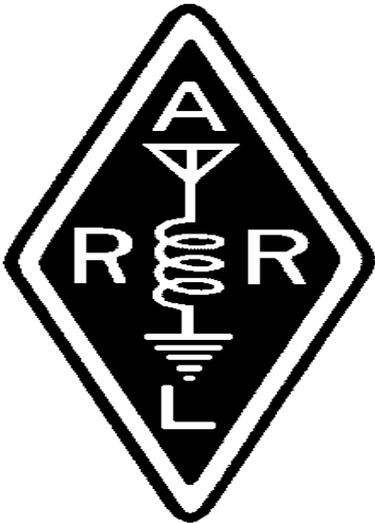
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NEXT KLUB MEETING  
JANUARY 9th 7:30 P.M  
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER  
300 SOUTH HIGHLANDER WAY

NET  
146.680 SUNDAY 9:00 P.M.

## BOARD MEMBERS

President	Steve	N8GQ
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## THE PREZ'S NOTES

The New Year approaches and, like many others, I consider what lies ahead – the promises and the challenges. What kind of world, country, state, city or club will we bequeath to our children?

The threats from terrorists and, dictatorships are real and formidable. But I'm confident we'll overcome them because we have a realistic president who recognizes the threats and is committed to eliminating them. And, the American people are behind him.

The greater threat comes from within, not from domestic terrorists or criminals, but from our own ignorance, complacency, and apathy. There have always been those in our midst devoted to overturning everything America stands for.

My wish and my challenge to each of us to recognize and accept each other's differences. And to see those differences as good qualities. Diversity in our club, our community and county means that we have an opportunity to learn everyone. Everyone has lived life differently as something from has different experiences.

This year make it your personal goal to meet somebody new. Learn and grow from that experience. Help our club grow by recruiting someone into the Amateur Radio. While you're at it bring those new experiences to "OUR" club so that we may all learn something together.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

73 Steve N8GQ

## EDITORS COMMENTS

I really don't have anything much to say except to wish everybody a happy new year and watch for a better year ahead both in the club and in ours lives.

**Roger N8SGU**

## TREASURER REPORT GENERAL OPERATING FUND

For period November 1 – November 30 2002

OPENING CASH:	\$2,295.58
Total Income	\$137.50
Total Expenditures	\$27.26
Net Cash Flow	\$110.24
ENDING CASH	\$2,405.82

INCOME	
50/50 Drawing	\$16.50
Donations	\$6.00
Dues	\$115.00

EXPENDITURES	
Printing (LED)	\$16.64
postage	\$9.62
Sales Tax	\$1.00

Respectfully submitted,  
**Dave KE8Z Treasurer LARK**

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## TREASURER REPORT EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION FUND

For period November 1 –November 30 2002

OPENING CASH	\$635.75
Total Income	\$130.00
Total Expenditures	\$00.00
Net Cash Flow	\$130.00
ENDING CASH	\$765.75

INCOME:	
Donation	\$130.00

Respectfully submitted,  
**Dave KE8Z Treasurer LARK**  
**Secretaries Report General Meeting 12/12/02**

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Twenty-seven people attended. Don N8SKE made motion to accept Secretary report as published in the December LED, Rick KC8HEZ seconded. Motion passed. Bruce N8WWX made motion to accept treasurer report as published in Decembers LED. Bob KC8TGX or BOB K8PBA seconded. Motion passed.

A big thank you to Gerry N8DY for teaching the General class and the code class. Committing to 16 weeks of teaching. KC8UTF Melissa passed her CW test. Irene KA8MVW and DON N8SKE passed their General test and Charlie KB8OVJ passed his General and then Extra exam in one night. Our hats off to all of them.

More accomplishments during the year were ARES/RACES Training and a good showing at Field Day (note: first place in our class in the state of Michigan). Many showed up for the Red Cross classes. Jim KC8MQK was voted volunteer of the year for Red Cross.

SKY WARN: Training in 2003 will be on March 6th at Hamburg Fire Hall.

FIELD DAY: We are in need of a volunteer to be chairperson so that planning can begin now if we expect to have a good time and end up with a respectable score.

OPERATION CARE: Much discussion on this topic was held. De we want to raise dues, participate in Operation Care, or solicit money from hams that use the repeater but are not members of the club, and business or corporations to cover the anticipated \$300.00 plus shortage in operating funds for next year.

A vote was taken and Operation Care won as one means of raising funds for the club. Also, raising the dues to \$25.00 for a full member and \$5.00 for each family member up to a maximum of \$35.00 per household.

SWAP: It was decided to have a swap in June or July. Randy KC8MSB will look into it and set it up. It will be a trunk sales only type swap.

50/50 DRAWING: \$43.00 was collected. Don N8SKE was the luck winner of \$21.50 and he donated his winnings right back to the club. THANKS Don.

DOOR PRIZES: There were five door prizes, which ere give out to five lucky winners.  
Respectfully submitted

**Mary KC8SER**

P.S. Eight members of the club enjoyed dinner at the Chinese Place before the meeting.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT LARK BOARD MEETING**

December 4, 2002 Minutes

Present were Board members Steve N8GQ, Bill K8BI, Mary KC8SER, Dave KE8Z, Kenny N4KCD, and Jerry, N8DY.

The format for the December general meeting was to give members a chanced to share something of their accomplishments during the past six months to a year to talk about.

A discussion was held on the use of the I-Link for emergency and general communications. There is a time and place of its use and it appears to be another method of communications we should all become familiar with.

Schedule for the next five months:

Jan: Telecommunications from Australia

Feb: Bob Hitchens on Emergency  
Communications

Mar Business Meeting

April Battery Technology Nomination

May Elections and Finial Preparations for field

Day

Operation Care: 5 months to get organized and get a chairperson.

A lengthy discussion was held on the Awards Banquet.

Special Club status with ARRL: Paperwork arrived to be filled out on club level to county level action. A lot of information is needed.

Field day: We are looking for a chairperson and ideas

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M. **HAPPY NEW YEARS!!!**

Respectfully Submitted

**Mary Cartwright KC8SER Secretary**

This will be the January presentation  
**Applying computers to smarten up your radio hobby**  
Joseph E. Kasser DSc CEng CM MIEE  
DSTO Associate Research Professor  
School of Electrical and Information Engineering  
University of South Australia  
Mawson Lakes Boulevard  
Mawson Lakes, SA. 5095  
Australia

February will be Emergency communications. Tactical nets by Bob Hitchens

March will be a General Business Meeting

April will be on Batteries (Various Technologies)

May brings us to General Election of Officers

operator has changed. Call "CQ Kid's Day." Suggested frequencies are 14,270 to 14,300, 21,380 to 21,400 and 28,350 to 28,400 kHz, and 2-meter repeater frequencies with permission from your area repeater sponsor.

All participants are eligible to receive a colorful certificate. Visit the ARRL Kid's Day Survey page <<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/kids-day-survey.html>> to complete a short survey and post your comments. You will then have access to download the certificate page or send a 9x12 SASE to Boring Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 1357, Boring, OR 97009.

Originated by the Boring Amateur Radio Club, Kid's Day now is sponsored and administered by the ARRL with the cooperation and assistance of the BARC.

### **Subject: Great Lakes Division Convention**

#### **==>KID'S DAY IS JANUARY 4!**

The next Kid's Day is Saturday, January 4, 2003, from 1800-2400 UTC. The twice-annual event, held in January and June, is a chance for amateurs to invest in the future of Amateur Radio by participating in a simple, but rewarding, Amateur Radio event. Now entering its ninth year, Kid's Day typically attracts more than 1000 participants for each running.

Kid's Day is intended to encourage young people--licensed or not--to enjoy Amateur Radio. It gives youngsters on-the-air experience so they might develop an interest in pursuing a license in the future. It's also intended to give hams a chance to share their station with their children.

Activity for Kid's Day takes place on 20, 15 and 10 meters--and perhaps on local 2-meter repeaters. It's an opportunity to introduce youngsters to the magic of ham radio and perhaps spark a lifelong love for the hobby.

The suggested exchange for Kid's Day is first name, age, location and favorite color. You are encouraged to work the same station again if an

Hams in the Great Lakes Division (Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky) will hold a Division Convention next September, 6-7, 2003 in conjunction with the Findlay Ohio Hamfest, one of Ohio's largest ham radio events. Among the major speakers will be American Radio Relay League national president Jim Haynie, W5JBP, of Dallas, Texas.

Gary L. Johnston, KI4LA, Division Director until January, will chair the Convention scheduled for Saturday, September 6th at the Findlay Inn. Hams will stay over Sunday, September 7th for the 61st Findlay Hamfest - The second biggest ham radio event in Ohio (after the Dayton Hamvention, of course).

Mr. Johnston, of Edgewood, KY, was appointed chairman by Director elect Jim Weaver, K8JE, Mason, Ohio.

Chairman Johnston has already been planning the event with local Findlay officials and Section Managers of all three Great Lakes Division States, Debbie Kirkbride, KA8YKK (Michigan), Joe Phillips, K8QOE (Ohio), and John Meyers, NB4K (Kentucky). "Beside President Jim Haynie, a remarkably gifted speaker; we are organizing forums and ham radio recognition awards plus a main evening banquet to make this convention memorable," Gary said at the

announcement, "the hotel facility is first rate and those attending will find it a marvelous weekend ending with the Findlay Hamfest."

The location is ideal. With a Division spanning Interstate 75 from Michigan's Upper Peninsula to Kentucky's border with Tennessee, Findlay is nearly the exact center off the Interstate. Combining it with a popular hamfest will make that weekend a major event on the ham radio calendar for 2003.

Ticket prices, hotel reservations, forum events and other information will be announced soon and will appear on Web Pages of the Division (<http://greatlakes.arrl.org>) and the Web Pages of all three Sections when released.

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### **ARLX009 Special Event, ARISS Contact To Mark Transmission Centennial**

Special event station KM1CC will be on the air January 11-19, 2003, to mark the 100th anniversary of Guglielmo Marconi's inaugural wireless transmission between the US and Great Britain January 18, 1903.

Marconi used a 35 kW rotary spark transmitter and a massive antenna system to transmit a 54-word greeting from President Theodore Roosevelt to England's King Edward VII. The monarch promptly acknowledged receipt of the message via land line and cable.

The special event will take place at the former Coast Guard station at Coast Guard Beach in Eastham, Massachusetts, which is near the original Marconi site. Operation will include several amateur modes, including SSB, CW, FM, digital and satellite. The special event station will open to the public from 9 AM until 5 PM EST (1400-2200z), but operating will take place 24 hours a day.

### **Fellow Great Lakes Division ARRL Member,**

As of Noon on January 1st I will fade into the long list of ARRL members who have honorably served as Directors and Vice Directors of our fine organization.

As you will discover, my successor, Director Jim Weaver K8JE, is a worthy and qualified gentleman who I believe will represent the Great Lakes Division, Amateur Radio Service, and ARRL well. We have been friends for years. I'm sure you will enjoy meeting and working with Jim throughout his coming 3-year term. Vice Director Dick Mondro W8FQT is also highly qualified, and you will find him to be a valuable resource to the Division, as he has been to me during my time as Director.

I will be continuing to serve the Division as Chair of the GL Division Convention (9/6-7/2003 in Findlay, Ohio), and as Chair of the GL Division Awards Committee. I will also continue to maintain the Division web page in the near future. More information on these will be available through <http://greatlakes.arrl.org>.

I wish each of you a safe and fun New Year's Eve, and prosperous 2003.

**73, Gary KI4LA**

Gary L. Johnston, KI4LA

ARRL Great Lakes Division Director

